

Childminder report

Inspection date:

20 March 2023

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder talks positively about making a positive difference in children's lives. She explains how she would create opportunities for all children to develop independence and resilience. These include pouring their own drinks and drinking from a cup. The childminder explains how she is keen to support children's self-help skills and confidence, to prepare them for the transition to school.
- Through discussion, the childminder explains how she intends to support children to learn about different cultures and traditions. She encourages an ethos of acceptance and respect. The childminder values children as individuals and aims to celebrate their differences.
- The childminder demonstrates that she has a secure knowledge of the early years foundation stage. She talks confidently about how she intends to provide a curriculum that builds on what children know and can do. She explains that she would offer a communication rich environment, where children are able to sit together at mealtimes and enjoy stories together.
- The childminder describes how she intends to work with parents to find out information about children. She explains that she would provide consistency for children through getting to know their routines, interests and early experiences. The childminder aims to provide a nurturing settling-in process that follows each child's individual needs. The childminder understands the importance of children developing secure attachments. She explains she would provide a strong key-person system, so that children feel happy and safe in her home.
- The childminder explains how she would reflect on practice. She carries out additional training and research to enhance her already very good knowledge of child development. She explains how she intends to provide appropriate supervision for her assistants. For example, the childminder aims to meet with them regularly to discuss their practice and identify training needs. This means that practitioners would regularly build on their practice and skills.
- The childminder recognises the importance of promoting children's health and well-being. For instance, she explains that she would provide children with opportunities to explore her garden, learn about the trees and the environment around them. She explains that she intends to promote healthy eating by providing children with nutritious home-cooked food and share recipes with parents. She understands the importance of regular physical activity to strengthen children's muscles and to support their well-being.
- The childminder has a very good understanding of her safeguarding responsibilities. She takes appropriate steps to ensure that the suitability of assistants working in her home have been checked. She carries out appropriate risk assessments to ensure that her home is safe and to minimise any risk of harm to children. The childminder has a robust understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and what she would do if she had concerns about a child.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY263377
Local authority	Birmingham
Inspection number	10276511
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 0
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	19 July 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003. She lives in Harborne, Birmingham. She operates all year round from 7am to 8am and 6pm to 8pm Monday to Friday, except for family holidays. The childminder holds a childcare qualification to level 3. The childminder works with two assistants. She provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Ali Myers

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the childminder.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about their intentions for children's learning.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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